

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 2, 4-9 and 11-13 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12 are amended, and claims 1, 3, 10 and 14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the changes to the claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and therefore no new matter is added.

In the Office Action it is asserted that the attempt to incorporate subject matter by reference to a foreign application is ineffective. As indicated in the attached decision on petition, however, incorporation by reference of a priority document for all that it teaches, whether essential material or not, is proper.

Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. The cancellation of independent claim 1 moots the objection. Inasmuch as claim 2 is amended to recite subject matter of claim 1, claim 2 is amended to recite "based," in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,625,757 to Kageyama et al. (Kageyama). Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,348,971 to Owa et al. (Owa). It is submitted that the amendments to the remaining claims overcome the rejections for the following reasons.

The present invention, as recited in independent claim 2, is directed to a printing system having at least one printer. Specifically, independent claim 2 recites a document supervisory client configured to generate print condition settings, and a document supervisory server configured to control printing based upon a printing request from the document supervisory client in accordance with the print condition settings. The document supervisory

client queries the document supervisory server via a network as to whether the print condition settings are appropriate in a printer, and the document supervisory server returns information as to the advisability of the print condition settings to the document supervisory client. The document supervisory server changes a combination of the print condition settings and sends an appropriate combination including one set of changed print condition settings to the document supervisory client when determining the print condition settings are inappropriate. The document supervisory client generates a user interface based on the one set of changed print condition settings.

It is submitted that none of the references of record, including Kageyama and Owa, disclose or render obvious the claimed features of generating a user interface based on changed print condition settings generated when it is determined that previous print condition settings are inappropriate, as recited in independent claim 2. Thus, none of the applied references are able to automatically determine appropriate print condition settings, when the previous print condition settings are inappropriate, and display these appropriate print condition settings on a user interface, as can be done with the claimed invention.

For these reasons it is requested that the rejections of independent claim 2 be withdrawn, and that independent claim 2 be allowed.

Independent claims 4 and 11 are allowable for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to independent claim 2. The allowance of independent claims 4 and 11 is therefore requested.

Claims 5-9, 12 and 13 are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend, as well as for their own features. The allowance of dependent claims 5-9, 12 and 13 is therefore requested.

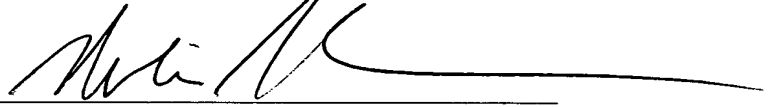
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Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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